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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 4 of page 6 as follows:

Referring now to Figures 3 and 6, a tool 60 is shown in removable engagement with the first connector 28 on the body 12 of the pole apparatus 10. Preferably, the tool 60 includes a mounting portion 62 having at least one planar alignment face 64 and a head portion 66 for use in connecting fasteners, anchors or the like. The mounting portion 62 of the tool 60 is adapted to be releasably secured within ~~the second axial bore 704 (best shown in Figure 15)~~ of the first connector 28. Specifically, the mounting portion 62 of the tool 60 is inserted into the first connector 28 with the alignment face(s) 64 of the mounting portion 62 aligned with the face(s) 36a, 36b of the internal wall 34 of the connector 28. Preferably, a tapered end 68 of the mounting portion contacts and is further supported by the seat 46 of the first connector 28. After the mounting portion 62 is positioned within the first connector 28, the mounting portion 62 and thus the tool 60 is secured by the inward rotation of the locking screw 40. It is appreciated that the function locking screw 40 to secure the tool 60 may be accomplished by a variety of structures that are well-known in the art such as a quick disconnect system, spring bias teeth or a spring bias pin, for example, a quick disconnect system, as is known in the art, or spring bias teeth 702 (Figure 15) may be arrayed within the mounting portion 62 to catch and secure the tool. Additionally, a spring bias pin 700 having a generally spherical receptacle 701 (Figure 14) may be adapted for reciprocal movement in the mounting portion 62 to secure the tool 60 once it has been inserted.